

SENATE BILL 878
By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to the licensing of veterans as registered nurses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-104, is amended by deleting subsection (3) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

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(A) Has successfully completed a course of study in an approved school of nursing, as defined by the board, and the applicant holds a diploma or degree therefrom, or the approved school has certified to the board that the applicant has met all requirements for a diploma or degree; or

(B) Has served on active duty under honorable conditions in the medical corps of any of the armed forces of the United States and has successfully completed the course of instruction required to qualify the applicant for rating as a medical specialist advanced, medical service technician or advanced hospital corpsman technician, or other equivalent rating in the applicant's particular branch of the armed forces, and has provided the board with a copy of the certificate issued to certify successful completion of the course of instruction necessary for such rating and a copy of the applicant's discharge from the armed forces.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by inserting the following as a new section thereto:

Section 63-12-7. The board shall prepare and maintain records as to:

(1) The number of veterans who apply to the board for license or registration under the provisions of § 63-7-104 (3)(B) and the percentage thereof who pass the required examination or examinations; and

(2) The number of persons who are not veterans who apply to the board for license or registration and the percentage thereof who pass the required examination or examinations. The board shall provide a report to the general assembly each year, during the first ten days of each regular session thereof, summarizing the information in item (1) above.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.